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1. US INFO HAS MARVINE HOWE QUOTING CONGRESSMAN HARRINGTON EXPRESSING REGRET THAT HIS ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH ME WAS IN THE PRESENCE OF THREE OR FOUR CHILEAN GENERALS.

2. I PUT MYSELF AT CONGRESSMAN HARRINGTON'S DISPOSAL FROM THE TIME OF HIS ARRIVAL. I WAS UNABLE TO MEET HIM BECAUSE I WAS HELD UP IN A CONFERENCE WITH THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, THE NUNCIO AND BISHOP VALICH OF THE SANTIAGO ARCHDIOCESE (OVER THE ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL CASE). I DID TALK WITH THE CONGRESSMAN BY PHONE AT THE AIRPORT AND INVITED HIM TO COME TO MY HOUSE DIRECTLY FROM THE AIRPORT TO LUNCH. HE DECLINES, SAYING HE HAD EATEN ON THE PLANE. I MADE CLEAR TO MR HARRINGTON I WAS AVAILABLE TO HIM ANY TIME THAT AFTERNOON, BUT HE CHOSE TO GO DIRECTLY TO CBS CORRESPONDENT MANITZAS' HOME AND PURSUE HIS OWN SCHEDULE. I SCHEDULED FRIDAY EVENING COCKTAIL AT MY HOUSE, BUT MR HARRINGTON DECLINED. MR HARRINGTON PURSUED HIS OWN SCHEDULE BY CHOICE THROUGH FRIDAY MORNING AND FRIDAY LUNCH. HE CAME BY THE EMBASSY FRIDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:30 P.M. FOR APPOINTMENT WITH CHILEAN ECONOMIST, AND IT IS TRUE THAT I WAS UNAVAILABLE BETWEEN 3:15 P.M. AND MEETING WITH THE JUNTA GENERALS AT 4:30 P.M. I WAS AVAILABLE TO MR HARRINGTON AFTER THE MEETING,

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BUT HE HAD OTHER BUSINESS DURING THE HOUR OR SO AVAILABLE PRIOR

TO HIS SCHEDULED VISIT TO NATIONAL STADIUM. MR HARRINGTON INDICATED FRIDAY NIGHT HE WISHED ME TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE NATIONAL STADIUM SATURDAY MORNING (HE HAD REFUSED TO ENTER FRIDAY NIGHT WITHOUT HIS ACCOMPANYING PARTY) AND I AGREED TO DO SO. ON SATURDAY MR HARRINGTON ADVISED US THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO GO TO THE NATIONAL STADIUM AFTER ALL, AS HE HAD OTHER PRESSING BUSINESS. I SAW MR HARRINGTON OFF AT THE AIRPORT. WE TALKED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF AN HOUR IN THE VIP LOUNGE.
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